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FM AMEMBASSY PORT AU PRINCE

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INFO AMEMBASSY KINGSTON

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TAGS: EGEN ECIN HA

SUBJ: HAITI TAKES JAUNDICED VIEW OF SELA

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1. UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS DORCELY, WHO WILL REPRESENT GOH AT JULY 31 MINISTERIAL-LEVEL MEETING HOSTED BY PANAMA TO ESTABLISH SELA (SISTEMA ECONOMICO LATINO AMERICANO), TOLD AMBASSADOR JULY 29 THAT HAITI'S ATTITUDE TOWARD SELA IS ONE OF PRUDENT RESERVE. HAITIANS ARE WARY OF SELA'S IMPLICIT CONFRONTATIONAL ASPECT, INCLUDING EXCLUSION OF U.S., AND ARE UNWILLING TO BECOME ENGAGED IN AN ENTERPRISE THAT APPARENTLY DEPRECATES NEED FOR LA COOPERATION WITH U.S. ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT ISSUES. THUS DORCELY, RATHER THAN FINANCE MINISTER BROS (WHOM BOTH PANAMANIAN AND MEXICANS SPECIFICALLY URGED TO ATTEND) WILL REPRESENT HAITI, AND EVEN HE

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WILL LIMIT HIS PARTICIPATION TO MINIMUM. DORCELY EXPECTS

CONFERENCE TO LAST 3-4 DAYS; EXPERTS HAVE BEEN IN SESSION
FOR PAST SEVERAL DAYS.

2. DORCELY ADDED THAT HAITI WAS NOW ADOPTING A "WAIT AND
SEE" ATTITUDE TOWARD CARICOM IN LIGHT OF AMBIGUITIES ABOUT
CARICOM'S ATTITUDE TOWARD CUBA. MANLEY'S RECENT FLIRTATION
WITH CASTRO HAS NOT GONE DOWN WELL HERE. SOME HAITIAN
OFFICIALS NOW DOUBT VALUE OF ASSOCIATING WITH AN ORGANIZATION
THAT MIGHT EXPOSE HAITI TO AN INJUDICIOUS DEGREE OF INTIMACY
WITH ITS PROFOUNDLY DISTRUSTED NEIGHBOR JUST ACROSS THE
WINDWARD PASSAGE.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INCLUDED ON EMBASSY PANAMA'S
REPORTING ON SELA MEETING.
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